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SPUTTERING TARGET, METHOD OF PRODUCING THE TARGET, OPTICAL
 RECORDING MEDIUM FABRICATED BY USING THE SPUTTERING TARGET, AND
 METHOD OF FORMING RECORDING LAYER FOR THE OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM
 Title

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.XX 10 sheets of informal, xx formal drawings.
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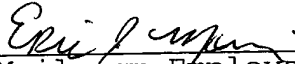
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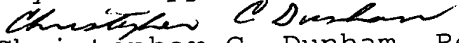
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